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Dear Professor Kinnard:

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Thank you for your thoughtful letter of 10 April 1980. I am especially grateful for your commendation of our analyst, Dr. [REDACTED]. Like a number of other Agency analysts, [REDACTED] visits the academic community voluntarily, necessarily limiting himself, of course, to what his official work schedule will permit. We do not have a formal program of such visits, believing that they are more effective when made spontaneously by analysts who are personally motivated. But we do encourage and facilitate such efforts to the extent that other demands on our analysts' time allow.

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We also encourage our analysts to attend meetings of their professional associations and to participate openly in the activities of those meetings. Furthermore, when we are asked by academic groups to send speakers to address their meetings we try to comply, again relying upon volunteers. Finally, we frequently accommodate academic study groups visiting the nation's capital who wish to include on their schedule a session at the Agency, either to discuss the subject of their organizational interest (most often international relations or Soviet affairs) or the intelligence process itself.

As you can see, then, we fully agree with the final paragraph of your letter, not only because such exchanges are "good for the image of the CIA" (an objective I do not mean to belittle) but also because we regard the academic community as the mother lode of our analytic strengths. If my own efforts have contributed to the maintenance of this essential connection, as you say, I am of course gratified. And I thank you for the endorsement.

Yours sincerely,

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